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(57) Abstract

A process is provided for the preparation of a highly pure albumin solution the process comprising subjecting albumin (preferably expressed and secreted by transformed yeast) to a series of chromatographic steps. Preferably, the process comprises the steps of positive mode cation exchange chromatography, positive mode anion exchange chromatography, positive mode affinity chromatography, negative mode affinity chromatography (preferably using immobilised aminophenylboronic acid), negative mode cation exchange chromatography, and negative or positive mode anion exchange chromatography. A process for reducing the level of nickel in an albumin solution is also disclosed, as is a recombinant albumin coding sequence comprising two or more in-frame translation stop codons. Also disclosed is a process for producing recombinant albumin, the process comprising culturing a fungal cell expressing a recombinant albumin coding sequence, wherein the cell has a reduced capacity of mannosylation of the recombinantly-expressed albumin.